

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS:

In light of the above amendatory matter and remarks to follow, reconsideration and allowance of this application are respectfully solicited.

In the Office Action under reply, the Examiner rejected the claims under 35 USC 112 on the ground that the specification does not disclose that the cuff is supported on the finger at a plurality of discrete "points." The Examiner pointed to Figs. 4 and 5 as illustrating a "continuously supported" cuff.

It is respectfully submitted the specification describes support portions 11b, 11b of cuff 12 which provide three supporting points for the cuff (see page 7, lines 5-12 of Applicant's specification). However, notwithstanding this portion of the specification, it appears the Examiner objects to the use of the word "points" in the claims. Accordingly, by the present amendment, and consistent with the disclosure of the present application, the word "points" is replaced herein by the word -- portions --. It is believed this change addresses and satisfies the Examiner's rejection. This change is fully supported by Applicant's disclosure.

Claims 1-3 were rejected; but claims 4-6 were stated to be allowable if rewritten to overcome the rejection based upon 35 USC 112. By this amendment, claim 4 is rewritten in independent form to incorporate the recitations of independent claim 1, the claim from which claim 4 depended. Claims 1-3 are canceled. Accordingly, claims 4-6, all the claims remaining in this application, are in condition for allowance; and early notice to this effect is respectfully solicited.

Please charge any additional fees that may be needed, and credit any overpayment, to our
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